

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr K Herbert – Acting Chairman/Vice Chairman	Cllr H Mieville – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr A Cross – Acting Vice Chairman	Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr C Stevens – Chairman of Council	Cllr P Clark
Cllr C Jacques	Cllr H White
Cllr L Lindsay	Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr R Holmes	Cllr B Quayle
Cllr L Hitchings	
Cllr P Osborne	

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk	Committee Clerk
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In Cllr Carter's absence Cllr Herbert was Acting Chairman and she invited Cllr Cross to act as Vice Chairman.

111. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Mieville – the residents of Albert St, Salisbury Road and surrounding areas were concerned regarding the internet company who dug up the roads, made a lot of noise and caused disruption until late at night. It appears there was no forewarning although the company said leaflets were put through doors the night before and the work should have been done in February. Cllr Mieville would like more consideration given to the residents.

Cllr Lacey-Clarke added that several complaints were received. The company say that they did leaflet residents, but there is no evidence of this so DC have reprimanded them for it. The second night was improved very slightly although they ran over time so requested 11pm time. Cllr Lacey-Clarke said DC told them they could only work until 7pm for the last 2 days. This has all been noted and they are being observed. Cllr L Hitchings stated that residents on Salisbury Road should have been provided with a 1.2m walkway when they come out of their houses.

112. APOLOGIES

Cllr R Carter – Chairman	Cllr E Bray
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113. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr White declared an interest on planning application number P/FUL/2023/01435 - Team House, Shaftesbury Lane, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7FG as it is owned by William Williams Trust, for which he is a Trustee.

114. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd April 2023

Cllr Quayle stated that he was present at the meeting, but not included in the minutes. It was therefore PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED subject to the amendment including Cllr Quayle on the list of those present.

115. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

115. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (cont.)

115.1 P/FUL/2023/01438 & P/LBC/2023/01439 – 9A/9B Market Place, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7AF

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application, subject to there being no objections from the Conservation Officer (Blandford + NP Policies B1, B3, B8 and B11 apply).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

115.2 P/FUL/2023/01435 – Team House, Shaftesbury Lane, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7FG

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application (Blandford + NP Policy B1 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

115.4 P/HOU/2023/01866 – 12 Mortain Close Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7XA

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application (Blandford + NP Policy B1 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

115.5 P/HOU/2023/01839 – 6 Langton Road Blandford Forum DT11 7EN

It was PROPOSED By Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clark and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application as long as the extension does not affect the neighbour's light (Blandford + NP Policy B1 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

116. APPENDIX B – DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

The paper was emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr White said he's appalled at the decision made to grant planning permission for Stevens Close. Cllr S Hitchings agreed and said he was also appalled that Locarno had been granted planning permission as he does not feel that the works are appropriate.

Cllr Cross and Cllr Holmes concurred with both comments. Cllr Cross apologised for not registering in time to attend the planning appeal session to voice the Town Council's objection against Stevens Close, although he's not convinced it would have made any difference to the outcome.

117. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

None

118. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The paper was noted (see Appendix B) regarding the proposed stopping of the Highway at Westview, 8 The Plocks.

The Committee Clerk said Councillors must attend Weymouth Magistrates Court on 16th May if they are aggrieved by this application. Cllr Lacey-Clarke said the map is not very accurate and confirmed there will be no noticeable change to anyone in that area.

119. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE DORSET COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON:

119.1 To consider responding to the Dorset Council Leisure Strategy Consultation

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

Cllr Herbert asked the Councillors if they would want to form a working group or complete the survey individually. It was agreed that they will complete the form individually as it is better to have more responses.

119.2 Public Space Protection Orders

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

Cllr Herbert asked the Councillors to submit any comments to the Town Clerk by 15th May 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm

SIGNED: DATED: